Construction of Bridges on Khateema-Panipat National Highway

†4637. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge damages are caused to lives and properties following wiping away of vehicles every year on the 'rapat' falling between Najeebabad and Haridwar on the Khateema-Panipat National Highways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 12 crores for constructing bridges over these rapats on NH-74;

(c) if so, by when, permanent pucca bridges are likely to be constructed on all these 'rapats'; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Khateema-Panipat is not entirely a National Highway route, However, Najeebabad-Haridwar Section falls on National Highway No. 74 and a number of rapats exist in this section of National Highway. No study relating to damages caused due to wiping away of vehicles on the rapats has been conducted by the Government so far.

(b) Three high level bridges in replacement of rapats have already been sanctioned in the Najeebabad-Haridwar Section. Total estimated cost of these bridges is Rs. 20.54 crore.

(c) and (d) Construction of high level bridges on other rapats on Najeebabad-Haridwar Section of NH-74 would be taken up in a phased manner depending upon availability of the resources.

Declaring Delhi-Yamunotri Highway as National Highway

†4638. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads declared as National Highways during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001 -2002;

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